

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Agriculture Appropriations bill.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4810, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act.

The House passed H.R. 4871 Treasury, Postal Appropriations.

House Committee ordered reported the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7303–S7408*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2895–2902. **Page S7393**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2001.” (S. Rept. No. 106–350)

S. 2901, to authorize appropriations to carry out security assistance for fiscal year 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–351)

S. 2089, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to modify procedures relating to orders for surveillance and searches for foreign intelligence purposes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–352)

S. Res. 133, supporting religious tolerance toward Muslims.

S. 1902, to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons and records of the Japanese Imperial Army in a manner that does not impair any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, with amendments.

S. 2516, to fund task forces to locate and apprehend fugitives in Federal, State, and local felony criminal cases and give administrative subpoena authority to the United States Marshals Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2812, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a waiver of the oath of renunciation and allegiance for naturalization of aliens having certain disabilities.

S. 2900, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

S.J. Res. 48, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

S. Con. Res. 53, condemning all prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States and supporting political and civic participation by such individuals throughout the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

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### Measures Passed:

**Agriculture Appropriations:** By 79 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 225), Senate passed H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S7303–08, S7310–79**

### Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 222), Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 3919, to require the use of certain funds transferred to the Economic Research Service to conduct a study of reasons for the decline in participation in the food stamp program and any problems that households with eligible children have experienced in obtaining food stamps.

**Pages S7334–37**

By 72 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 223), Specter Amendment No. 3958, to correct an unintended termination of the authority of Amtrak to lease motor vehicles from the General Services Administration that results from previously enacted legislation.

**Pages S7337–42**

Cochran (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3964, to provide the use of funds for the Emergency Watershed Program for emergency expenses for floodplain operations identified as of July 18, 2000.

**Pages S7344–48, S7351**

Cochran (for Levin/Collins) Amendment No. 3457, to provide market and quality loss assistance for certain commodities.

**Pages S7351–56**

Cochran (for Abraham/Schumer/Levin) Amendment No. 3933 (to Amendment No. 3457), to provide relief for apple growers whose crops have suffered extensive crop damage as a result of fireblight.

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Cochran (for Graham/Mack) Amendment No. 3965, to ensure that nursery stock producers receive emergency financial assistance for nursery stock losses caused by Hurricane Irene.

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Cochran (for Lott/Cochran/Kohl) Amendment No. 3966, to permit the enrollment of an additional 100,000 acres in the wetlands reserve program.

**Pages S7351–56**

Cochran (for Leahy/Jeffords) Amendment No. 3967, to provide that in addition to other compensation paid by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary shall compensate, or otherwise seek to make whole, from funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, not to exceed \$4,000,000, the owners of all sheep destroyed from flocks under the Secretary's declarations of July 14, 2000 for lost income, or other business interruption losses, due to actions of the Secretary with respect to such sheep.

**Pages S7351–56**

Cochran (for Harkin/Bond) Amendment No. 3968, to provide emergency funding for the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration for completion of a biotechnology reference facility.

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Cochran (for Graham/Mack) Amendment No. 3969, to ensure that growers who experienced crop losses due to citrus canker receive appropriate compensation.

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Cochran Amendment No. 3970, to make certain funds available for the Boll weevil eradication program for cost share purposes or for debt retirement for active eradication zones.

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Cochran (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 3971, to provide financial assistance to the State of South Carolina in capitalizing the South Carolina Grain Dealers Guaranty Fund.

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Cochran Amendment No. 3972, to restrict the use of funds to provide certain conservation assistance and authorize a transfer of funds for the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program.

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Cochran (for Sessions) Amendment No. 3973, to provide for assistance for emergency haying and feed operations in the State of Alabama.

**Pages S7351–56**

Cochran (for Edwards) Amendment No. 3974, to provide emergency funding to the Department of Agriculture's Rural Community Facilities program.

**Pages S7351–56**

Cochran (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3975, to make emergency financial assistance available to producers on a farm that have incurred losses in a 2000 crop due to a disaster and to producers of specialty crops that incurred losses during the 1999 crop year due to a disaster.

**Pages S7351–56**

Cochran (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3976, to provide that notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make a payment in the amount of \$7,200,000 to the State of Hawaii from the Commodity Credit Corporation for assistance to an agricultural transportation cooperative in Hawaii, the members of which are eligible to participate in the Farm Service Agency administered Commodity Loan Program and have suffered extraordinary market losses due to unprecedented low prices.

**Pages S7351–56**

Baucus Amendment No. 3981, to direct the Secretary of the Army to conduct a restudy of the project for navigation, Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay, North Carolina, to evaluate alternatives to the authorized inlet stabilization project at Oregon Inlet.

**Pages S7361–65**

Cochran (for Smith-NH/Boxer) Amendment No. 3982, to provide for an Animal and Plant Health Services wildlife services methods development study.

**Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Boxer/McConnell) Amendment No. 3983, to amend the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, providing for an exception in the production of wine.

**Pages S7365–70**

Cochran (for Grams) Amendment No. 3984, to prohibit the use of appropriated funds to require offices of the Farm Services Agency to discontinue use of FINPACK for financial planning and credit analysis.

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Kohl (for Hollings/Thurmond) Amendment No. 3985, to provide that the Sea Island Health Clinic located on Johns Island, South Carolina, shall remain eligible for assistance and funding from the Rural Development community facilities programs administered by the Department of Agriculture until such time new population data is available from the 2000 Census.

**Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Reed/Chafee) Amendment No. 3986, to provide funds for a study on flood plain management for the Pocasset River, Rhode Island. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Bingaman/Leahy) Amendment No. 3987, to allocate funding made available by this Act for loans and grants to federally recognized Indian tribes under the rural community advance program under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3988, to provide for a pasture recovery program. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Dodd/Lieberman) Amendment No. 3989, to prohibit the use of any funding to recover payments erroneously made to oyster fishermen in the State of Connecticut. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3990, to provide support for creative anti-hunger initiatives in Oregon. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3991, to increase the Section 502 Guaranteed Rural Housing income limits. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl Amendment No. 3992, to provide that the Secretary of Agriculture shall use the funds, facilities and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation to make and administer supplemental payments to dairy producers who received a payment under section 805 of Public Law 106–78 in an amount equal to thirty-five percent of the reduction in market value of milk production in 2000. **Pages S7365–70**

Cochran (for Hutchinson/Cleland/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3993, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency loans to poultry producers to rebuild chicken houses destroyed by disasters. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3994, to express the sense of the Senate regarding preference for assistance for victims of domestic violence. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3995, to allocate appropriated funds for early detection and treatment concerning childhood lead poisoning at sites participating in the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children. **Pages S7365–70**

Cochran (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3996, to increase funding for the Office of Generic Drugs in order to accelerate the review of generic drug applications. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3997, to provide funds for the cleanup of methamphetamine labs by State and local law enforcement. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3998, to provide that the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market cross-servicing activities of the National Finance Center. **Pages S7365–70**

Cochran (for Nickles) Amendment No. 3999, to fund biomass-based energy research. **Pages S7365–70**

Cochran (for Campbell) Amendment No. 4000, to provide fiscal year 2000 supplemental contingent emergency funding to the Department of the Treasury for the Customs Service Automated Commercial System. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 4001, to fully fund the Food and Drug Administration's food safety initiative activities. **Pages S7365–70**

Cochran (for Nickles) Amendment No. 4002, of a clarifying nature. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (Feingold/Jeffords) Amendment No. 4003, to prohibit products that contain dry ultra-filtered milk products or casein from being labeled as domestic natural cheese. **Pages S7365–70**

Cochran (for Sessions) Amendment No. 4004, to increase and limit certain funding. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4005, to provide that none of the funds appropriated by this Act to the U.S. Department of Agriculture may be used to implement or administer the final rule issued in Docket number 97–110, at 65 Federal Register 37608–37669 until such time as USDA completes an independent peer review of the rule and the risk assessment underlying the rule. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Leahy) Amendment No. 4006, to require that any award entered into under the dairy export incentive program that is canceled or voided is made available for reassignment under the program. **Pages S7365–70**

Cochran (for Campbell) Amendment No. 4007, to require the use of a certain amount of appropriated funds to carry out the Food Distribution on Indian Reservations. **Pages S7365–70**

Cochran (for Warner) Amendment No. 4008, to increase and limit certain funding. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 4009, to set aside funding for the distance learning and telemedicine program to promote employment of rural residents through teleworking. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Johnson) Amendment No. 4010, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants for State mediation programs dealing with agricultural issues. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Harkin) Amendment No. 4011, to provide increased funding for the Extension farm safety program, including funding at a level of \$3,055,000 for the AgrAbility project. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Daschle) Amendment No. 4012, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide equitable relief to an owner or operator that has entered into and violated a contract under the environmental conservation acreage reserve program if the owner or operator took actions in good faith reliance on the

action or advice of an authorized representative of the Secretary. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Feingold) Amendment No. 4013, to require the publication of data collected on imported herbs. **Pages S7365–70**

Kohl (for Robb) Amendment No. 4014, to adjust the limitation to carry out research related to tobacco. **Pages S7365–70**

Rejected:

McCain Amendment No. 3917, to prohibit the use of appropriated funds for the sugar program. (By 65 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 219), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7314–25, S7328–29**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3922, to provide increased funding for the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration for investigations of anticompetitive behavior, rapid response teams, the Hog Contract Library, examinations of the competitive structure of the poultry industry, civil rights activities, and information staff, with an offset. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 220), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7325, S7329**

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 221), Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3938, to prohibit the use of appropriated funds to label, mark, stamp, or tag as “inspected and passed” meat, meat products, poultry, or poultry products that do not meet microbiological performance standards established by the Secretary of Agriculture. (By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 218), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S7303–08, S7310–14, S7331–34**

Withdrawn:

Cochran Modified Amendment No. 3955 (to Amendment No. 3938), to modify amendment relating to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2001. **Pages S7303–08, S7310–14, S7331–34**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3963, to make emergency financial assistance available to producers on a farm that have incurred losses in a 2000 crop due to a disaster and to producers of specialty crops that incurred losses during the 1999 crop year due to a disaster. **Pages S7342–43**

Domenici point of order against Cochran (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3964 that the Amendment violates section 205(c) of H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to all emergency designations. **Page S7348**

Cochran motion to waive the point of order (listed above) pursuant to Section 205(c) of H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to all emergency designations in this bill and to all the amendments to the bill filed at this time. **Page S7348**

Gramm Amendment No. 3977 (to Cochran motion to waive), to waive section 205 of the budget resolution for consideration of the Cochran (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3964. **Page S7348**

Cochran Amendment No. 3978 (to Amendment No. 3977), to waive Section 205(c) of H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to all emergency designations in this bill and all amendments filed at the desk at this time to this bill other than Amendment No. 3918. **Page S7348**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 36 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 224), Senate failed to uphold the question of germaneness with respect to Durbin Amendment No. 3980, to clarify the effect of the provision prohibiting amendment of part 3809 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations. Subsequently, the Senate determined the amendment to be non-germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S7358–61**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to provide that it not be in order in the Senate, for the remainder of the 106th Congress, to consider any bill, or amendment that raises the level of emergency spending for agriculture above the level contained in this bill as of the adoption of the above described amendments (Amendment Nos. 3457, 3933, and 3964 through 3976). **Page S7356**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Cochran, Specter, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Stevens, Kohl, Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, and Byrd. **Page S7379**

**Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001. **Pages S7379–82**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Friday, July 21, 2000. **Page S7379**

**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nominations of Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Dennis M. Cavanaugh, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, James S. Moody, Jr., Gregory A. Presnell, and John E. Steele, each to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, on Friday, June 21, 2000. **Page S7379**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-121) **Page S7387**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate Confirmed the following nominations:

Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce. **Page S7349**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Andrew Fois, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Miguel D. Lausell, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2000.

Miguel D. Lausell, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2003. (Reappointment)

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine list in the Air Force. **Page S7349**

**Messages From the President:** **Page S7388**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S7408**

**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—225)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 10:24 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7349.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 2900) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

### ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine current energy policy and its implications on American energy security and environmental interests, including the role of energy in U.S. agriculture and the effects of this year's increases in energy prices on agriculture as both a user and a producer of energy, after receiving testimony from former Senator Johnston; Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; James Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense and former Secretary of Energy; Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Harry S. Baumes, WEFA Inc., Eddystone, Pennsylvania; Eric Vaughn, Renewable Fuels Association, and R. Skip Horvath, Natural Gas Supply Association, both of Washington, D.C.; James McCarthy, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Don Hutchens, Nebraska Corn Board, Lincoln.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee held closed hearings to examine the situation in Iraq and United States military operations in and around Iraq, receiving testimony from Vice Adm. Scott A. Fry, USN, Director, Operations Directorate (J-3), and Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, Intelligence Directorate (J-2), both of the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Bruce Pease, Director, Office of Near Eastern, South Asian and African Analysis, Directorate of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the conduct of monetary policy and economic outlook by the Federal Reserve, after receiving testimony from